

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5350
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DOORDARSHAN COVERAGE IN UTTARANCHAL
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(a): the coverage of Doordarshan, in terms of population and area, separately, for each of the three districts of Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Pauri Garhwal of Uttaranchal;

(b): whether the Government propose to bring this coverage to the level of National percentage;

(c): if so, the details thereof;

(d): whether the specific priority has been given by the Government in the three Districts mentioned above:

(e): if so, the details thereof; and

(f): if not, the reasons therefore?

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(a): The estimated population-wise and area-wise coverage of terrestrial channel of Doordarshan are as follows:-

District Area coverage in % Population Coverage in %

Chamoli	11.5	15.2
Rudraprayag	22.6	29.3
Pauri Garhwal	86.5	86.3

However, the satellite channels of Doordarshan are available in the entire area of all the districts.

(b) to (f): Expansion of Doordarshan's terrestrial coverage in the country is being carried out in a phased manner depending on availability of resources. For further expansion of terrestrial coverage in the above mentioned districts, the following transmitter projects are under implementation:-

District	Transmitter
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Chamoli LPT Gopeshwar
VLPT Chamoli
VLPT Badrinath
VLPT Aroli

Rudraprayag VLPT Kedarnath
Pauri Garhwal
LPT Kalagarh
VLPT Dogadda